



HELLO?

THE
TRAGEDY
SHOULDN'T...
IS NOT
SUPPOSED
TO OCCUR...

KEIICHI IN
PARTICULAR
WAS BEING
ESPECIALLY
CAUTIOUS,
AND EVEN
DELAYED HIS
TRIP BACK
TO
HINAMIZAWA.

IT'LL BE ALL
RIGHT. I'VE
ALREADY
WARNED
KEIICHI AND
MION IN
ADVANCE.



WHY DID
IT
HAPPEN
TWO
YEARS IN
A ROW?!





HOW ARE YOU
FEELING, AUNT
RIKA? IT'S A
SHAME YOU
COULDN'T COME
TO THE FESTIVAL
TODAY.

THANKS,
KEITAROU.

SAKIKO, TAMAKI,
KIHIRO, YOU ALL
LOOK LIKE YOU'RE
DOING WELL.



OKAY?


AUNT
RIKA?



PLEASE DO
COME OUT TO
VISIT ONCE
YOU'RE FEELING
BETTER, AUNT
RIKA.

HMM?

HMMMM?



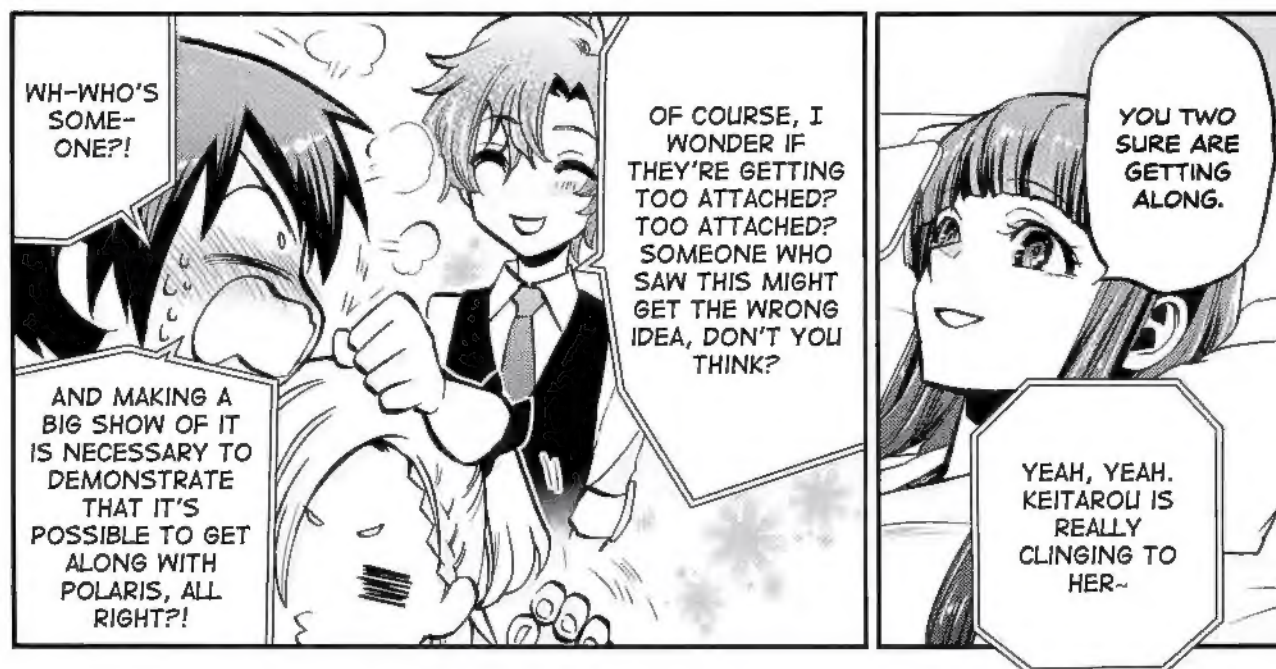
WE'RE ABOUT
TO SHOW HER
HOW TO DO THE
WATANAGASHI
RITUAL.



BY THE WAY,
KEITAROU, IS
THAT GIRL A
NEW FRIEND
OF YOURS?

SHE'S WITH
POLARIS, BUT
SHE'S A
FRIGGIN COOL
GAL!

YEAH!
THIS IS
KURURU
ISSHIKI!

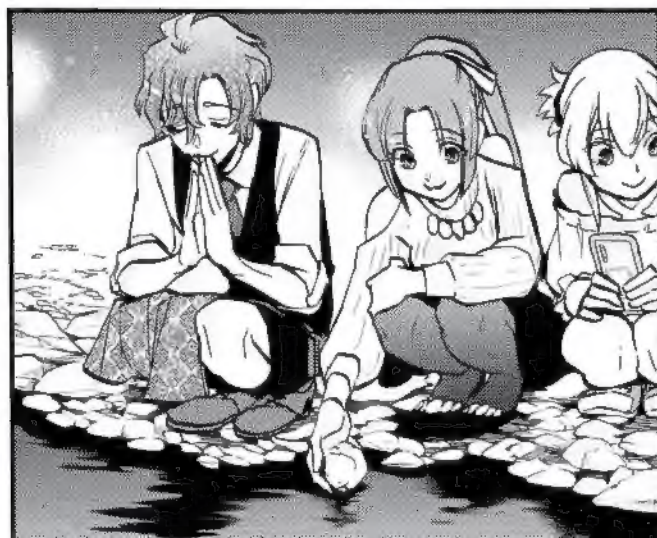
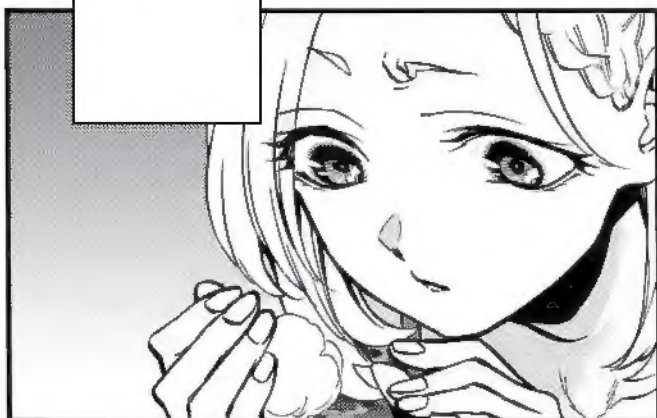




NOTHING
WILL
HAPPEN
TONIGHT...

NOBODY
IS
GOING
TO DIE
OR ANY-
THING.

THERE
WILL BE NO
CURSE OF
OYASHIRO-
SAMA....!



I BELIEVE THAT
THERE ARE NO
TWO PEOPLE
OUT THERE
WHO CAN'T
UNDERSTAND
ONE ANOTHER.

I'M SURE
WE'LL BE
ABLE TO GET
ALONG...!

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AND LIKE
KURURU,
THERE ARE
OTHER
PEOPLE IN
POLARIS
WHO WILL
BE WILLING
TO MEET US
HALFWAY.

YES, IT'S JUST
LIKE HOW
OYASHIRO-
SAMA PREACHED
FOR HARMONY
BETWEEN
DEMONS AND
HUMANS.

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WORD THAT
KURURU
CAME TO THE
FESTIVAL
WITH US
WILL SOON
SPREAD ALL
ACROSS THE
VILLAGE.



THEN HER
PARENTS
SHOULD
STRICTLY
FOLLOW THE
DOCTRINE,
RIGHT...?

DIDN'T SHE
SAY SHE HAD
TO JOIN
POLARIS
BECAUSE HER
PARENTS
JOINED...?

HUH?



hehe

THEN THE NEW
CHAPTER WILL
BEGIN WITH THE
FIVE DEMON
FIREFIGHT
PUNISHMENT
GAME!

A NEW CHAPTER
IS ABOUT TO
BEGIN FOR THE
MAEBARA
KINGDOM... THAT'S
THE IMPRESSION
I'M GETTING...

SOMEHOW, I'VE
GOT A FEELING A
LOT IS GOING TO
CHANGE AFTER
TODAY...!

BUT IF HER FATHER
CAME OUT HERE TO
PICK HER UP, IT
MEANS HE PROBABLY
WASN'T UPSET WITH
HER FOR COMING TO
THE FESTIVAL WITH
US...

IT WOULD BE
NICE IF INORI-
CHAN COULD
COME TO THE
FESTIVAL WITH
US TOO SOME
DAY...





Incoming
Call

SOME
DAY...

BZZZ

BZZZ





HAVE YOU
HEARD
ANYTHING
ABOUT MY
DAD...?

...HEY,
KEITAROU,
UMM...

...HELLO?
KEITAROU?



...HUH?

SAKIKO? WHAT
IS IT? WHY ARE
YOU CALLING
THIS LATE?

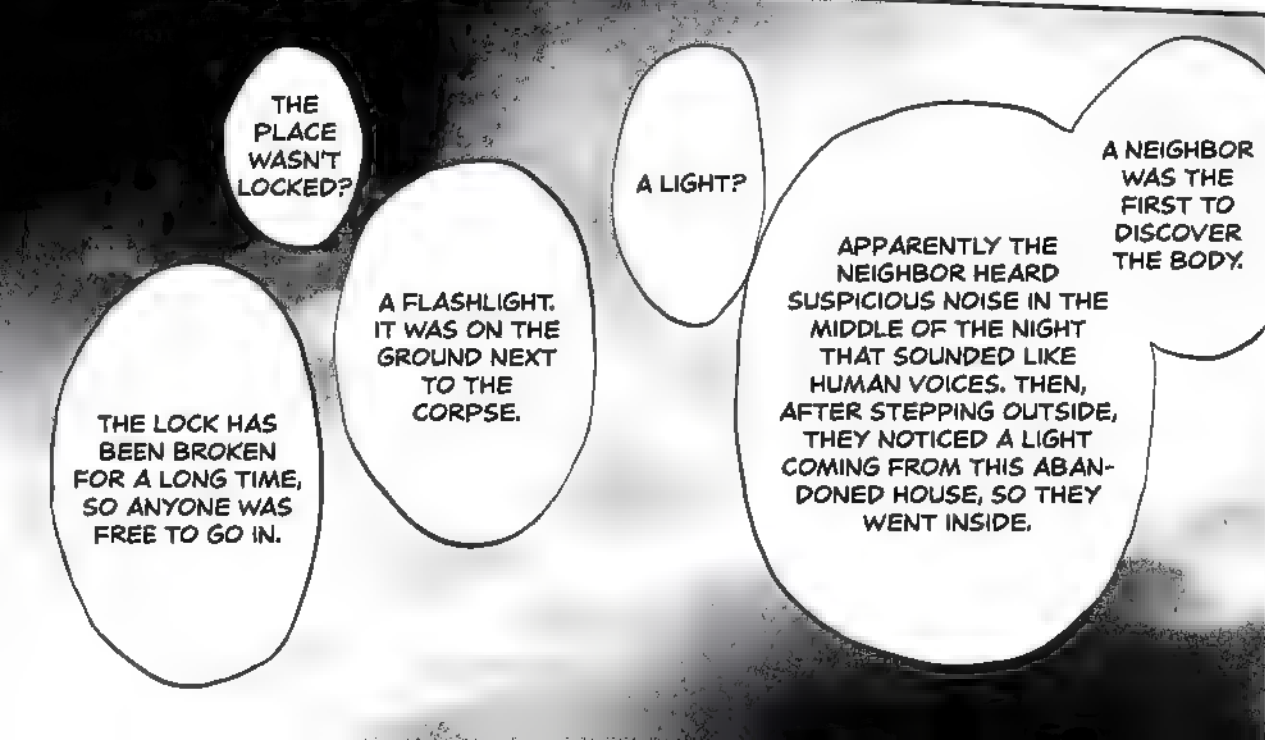
...HUH?



SO YOU DON'T
KNOW, THEN.
THERE'S NO WAY
YOU WOULD,
KEITAROU...

HEY, LISTEN...
DID YOU MEET
UP WITH MY
DAD AFTER THE
FESTIVAL, BY
ANY CHANCE?

NO?





THREE EMPTY
PESTICIDE
CONTAINERS
WERE LYING
BESIDE THE BODY,
AS WELL.

PERHAPS HE
DRANK ALL OF
THEM TO COMMIT
SUICIDE VIA
POISONING.

DOESN'T
THAT
SOUND A
LITTLE
HARD TO
BELIEVE?

THREE
BOTTLES,
ALL ON HIS
OWN?

ALL OF IT?
HE DRANK
THEM ALL?





HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.


WAS HE TORMENTED BY SOMETHING BAD ENOUGH TO TAKE SUCH DRASTIC MEASURES?

DID THE VICTIM SHOW ANY SIGNS OF SUICIDE?




SEEMS HE ALSO SERVED AS THE ASSISTANT OF THE NEXT HEAD OF THE KIMIYOSHI FAMILY.

HE WAS A SIMPLE BUT STEADY-GOING MAN. GOT MARRIED LATE IN LIFE, AND SEEMED HAPPY TO BE SHOWING AROUND PICTURES OF HIS NEWBORN CHILD...



THIS MUST BE TOUGH ON HIS WIFE... RIGHT...



INGESTING JUST A LITTLE OF IT WOULD LEAD TO A FLOOD OF VOMIT.

IN FACT, THERE ARE SIGNS HE WAS SUFFERING FROM THROWING UP SO MUCH BLOOD.

AND YET DESPITE THAT, HE'D KEEP ON DRINKING MORE POISON AS THOUGH IT WASN'T ENOUGH?

EVEN IF SOMEONE WAS FORCING HIM TO DRINK IT, THAT SEEMS UNLIKELY...



ROGER!

WE'VE GOT TO CHECK EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THE OTHER VACANT HOUSES.

I SEE, THEN LET'S HAVE OUR MEN PATROL FOR A LITTLE LONGER.

SO WHAT ABOUT KISAKU KIMIYOSHI?

STILL NO TRACE OF HIM.



ONE PERSON DIED, AND ONE WENT MISSING ON THE NIGHT OF WATANAGASHI...

I SEE... I DON'T WANT TO CONSIDER THIS, BUT...
COULD THIS BE A RESURGENCE OF THE CURSE OF OYASHIRO-SAMA? OOISHI-SAN...

I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD LEND ME A HAND, FROM UP THERE IN HEAVEN...



...
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS DIVINE PUNISHMENT OR CURSES!



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